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“It is
finished.”
John 19:30

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TODAY'S SERVICE

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 22

My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? *Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?* ² O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; And in the night season, and am not silent. ³ But You *are* holy, Enthroned in the praises of Israel. ⁴ Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them. ⁵ They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed. ⁶ But I *am* a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people. ⁷ All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying,* ⁸ "He trusted in the LORD, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!" ⁹ But You *are* He who took Me out of the womb; You made Me trust *while* on My mother's breasts. ¹⁰ I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's womb You *have been* My God. ¹¹ Be not far from Me, For trouble *is* near; For *there is* none to help. ¹² Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong *bulls* of Bashan have encircled Me. ¹³ They gape at Me *with* their mouths, *Like* a raging and roaring lion. ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me. ¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death. ¹⁶ For dogs have surrounded Me; The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands and My feet; ¹⁷ I can count all

My bones. They look *and* stare at Me. ¹⁸ They divide My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots. ¹⁹ But You, O LORD, do not be far from Me; O My Strength, hasten to help Me! ²⁰ Deliver Me from the sword, My precious *life* from the power of the dog. ²¹ Save Me from the lion's mouth And from the horns of the wild oxen! You have answered Me. ²² I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will praise You. ²³ You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of Israel! ²⁴ For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard. ²⁵ My praise *shall be* of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him. ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the LORD. Let your heart live forever! ²⁷ All the ends of the world Shall remember and turn to the LORD, And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You. ²⁸ For the kingdom is the LORD'S, And He rules over the nations. ²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and worship; All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep himself alive. ³⁰ A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the *next* generation, ³¹ They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, That He has done *this*.


SERVICE OF THE WORD

SOLEMN REPROACHES

P O my people, O my church, what have I done to you? How have I offended you? Answer me.
I led you out of slavery into freedom, and delivered you through the waters of rebirth, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

#172 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

by Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676

C  1. O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

P O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

Forty years I led you through the desert, feeding you with manna on the way; I saved you from the time of trial and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C **♪ 2. Men mock and taunt and jeer Thee,
Thou noble countenance,
Though mighty worlds shall fear Thee
And flee before Thy glance.
How art thou pale with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
How doth Thy visage languish
That once was bright as morn!**

P O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

I led you on your way in a pillar of cloud and fire, but you led me to the judgment hall of Pilate; I

guided you by the light of the Holy Spirit, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C **♪ 3. Now from Thy cheeks has vanished
Their color, once so fair;
From Thy red lips is banished
The splendor that was there.
Grim Death, with cruel rigor,
Hath robbed Thee of Thy life;
Thus Thou has lost Thy vigor,
Thy strength, in this sad strife.**

P O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.
I planted you as my fairest vineyard, but you brought forth bitter fruit; I made you branches of the vine and never left your side, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C ♪ 4. My burden in Thy Passion,
Lord, Thou hast borne for me,
For it was my transgression
Which brought this woe on thee.
I cast me down before Thee,
Wrath were my rightful lot;
Have mercy, I implore Thee;
Redeemer, spurn me not!


P O my people, O my church, what more could I have
done for you? Answer me.
I poured out saving water from the rock, but you
gave me vinegar to drink; I poured out my life and
gave you the new covenant in my blood, but you
have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C ♪ 5. My Shepherd, now receive me;
My Guardian, own me Thine.
Great blessings Thou didst give me,
O Source of gifts divine!

Thy lips have often fed me
With words of truth and love,
Thy Spirit oft hath led me
To heavenly joys above.


P O my people, O my church, what more could I have
done for you? Answer me.

I gave you a royal scepter, but you gave me a crown
of thorns; I gave you the kingdom and crowned you
with eternal life, but you have prepared a cross for
your Savior.

C  6. Here I will stand beside Thee,
From Thee I will not part;
O Savior, do not chide me!
When breaks Thy loving heart,
When soul and body languish
In death's cold, cruel grasp,
Then, in Thy deepest anguish,
Thee in mine arms I'll clasp.

P O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

I struck down your enemies, but you struck my head with a reed; I gave you my peace, but you draw the sword in my name, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C  7. **The joy can ne'er be spoken,
Above all joys beside,
When in Thy body broken
I thus with safety hide.
O Lord of life, desiring
Thy glory now to see,
Beside Thy cross expiring,
I'd breathe my soul to Thee.**

P O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

I opened the waters to lead you to the promised land, but you opened my side with a spear; I washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you have pre-

pared a cross for your Savior.

C **♪ 8. What language shall I borrow**

To thank Thee, dearest Friend,

For this, Thy dying sorrow,

Thy pity without end?

Oh, make me thine forever!

And should I fainting be,

Lord, let me never, never,

Outlive my love for Thee.

P O my people, O my church, what more could I have
done for you? Answer me.

I lifted you up to the heights, but you lifted me high
on a cross; I raised you from death and prepared for
you the tree of life, but you have prepared a cross
for your Savior.

C ♪ 9. My Savior, be Thou near me
When death is at my door;
Then let Thy presence cheer me,
Forsake me nevermore!
When soul and body languish,
Oh, leave me not alone,
But take away mine anguish
By virtue of Thine own!

P O my people, O my church, what more could I have
done for you? Answer me.
I grafted you into my people Israel, but you made
them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have
prepared a cross for your Savior.

C ♪ 10. Be Thou my Consolation,
My Shield when I must die;
Remind me of Thy Passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,

Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well!

P O my people, O my church, what more could I have done for you? Answer me.

I came to you in the least of your brothers and sisters, but I was hungry and you gave me no food, thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

C **Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.**

P Christ was given into death for our transgressions and by his stripes we are healed. Therefore, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

P Let us pray . . . Father, when your Son hung on the cross, he cried out to you in agony and grief. You gave him the strength to endure so that death might be destroyed and life restored. Have mercy on us all our days and preserve us in true faith unto life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PASSION READING

8. JESUS DIES: MARK 15:33-47

³³ Now when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. ³⁴ And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?" ³⁵ Some of those who stood by, when they heard *that*, said, "Look, He is calling for Elijah!" ³⁶ Then someone ran and filled a sponge full of sour wine, put *it* on a reed, and offered *it* to Him to drink, saying, "Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to take Him down." ³⁷ And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last. ³⁸ Then the veil of the temple was

torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹ So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that He cried out like this and breathed His last, he said, "Truly this Man was the Son of God!" ⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, ⁴¹ who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, and many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem. ⁴² Now when evening had come, because it was the Preparation Day, that is, the day before the Sabbath, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent council member, who was himself waiting for the kingdom of God, coming and taking courage, went in to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Pilate marveled that He was already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him if He had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵ So when he found out from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ Then he bought fine linen, took Him down, and wrapped Him in the linen. And he laid Him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷ And Mary Magdalene and Mary *the mother* of Joses observed where He was laid.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



c Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may believe that



Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON

Hebrews 4:14-16 ¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

RETURN TO THE CROSS

Here we meet God. Here we hold fast. Here we find sympathy. Here we receive help. Here is our Salvation.

(worksheet on page 26)

c Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-
 new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a-
 way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal-
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

all Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive

those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

p The Lord be with you.



c And al - so with you.

p Lift up your hearts.



c We lift them up to the Lord.

p It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God Who on the tree of the cross did give salvation to all mankind that, where death arose, there also Life might rise again; and that he who by a tree once overcame

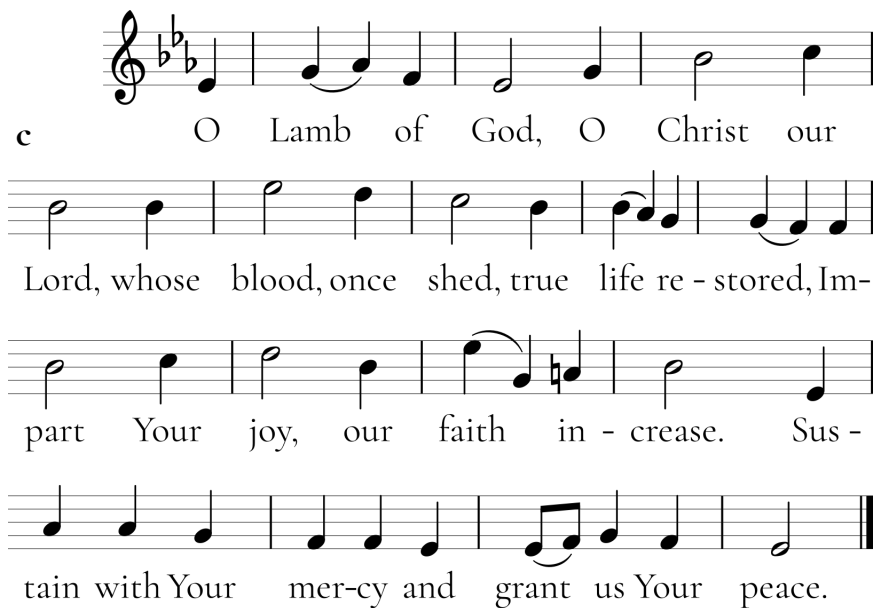
might likewise by a tree be overcome, through Christ, our Lord; Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

c Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and
earth with full ac - claim shout the
glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho - san - na in the
high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

p Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

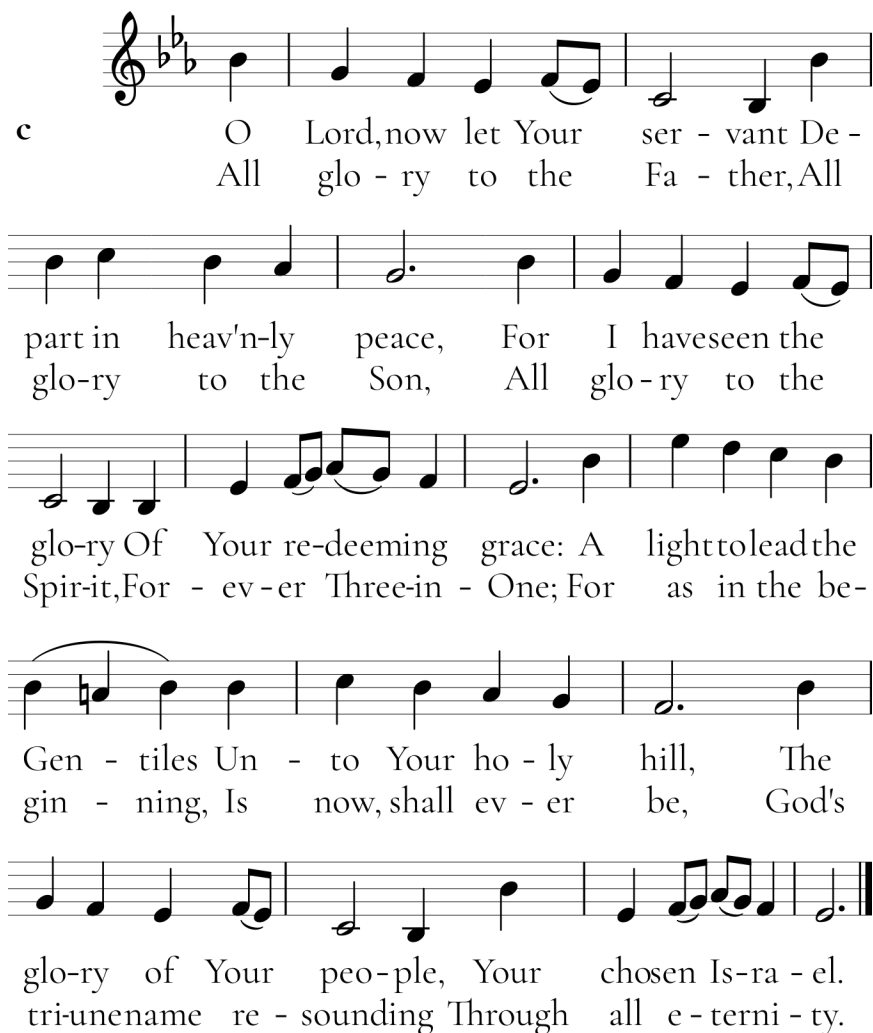
In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



c O Lamb of God, O Christ our
Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im-
part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -
tain with Your mer-cy and grant us Your peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION



c O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n-ly peace, For I have seen the
glo-ry to the Son, All glo-ry to the
glo-ry Of Your re-deeming grace: A light to lead the
Spir-it, For - ev - er Three-in - One; For as in the be-
Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly hill, The
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's
glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your chosen Is-ra - el.
tri-unename re - sounding Through all e - terni - ty.

THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make
His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and
give you peace.



c A - men. A - men. A - men.

#151 "Christ, the Life of All the Living"

by Ernst C. Homburg, 1605-1681

1. Christ, the Life of all the living,
Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving
To the darkest depths of woe,--
Through thy sufferings, death, and merit
I eternal life inherit:
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

2. Thou, ah! Thou, hast taken on Thee
Bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;

Pain and scorn were heaped upon Thee,
o Thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst Thou my soul deliver
From the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

3. Thou hast borne the smiting only
That my wounds might all be whole;
Thou hast suffered, sad and lonely,
Rest to give my weary soul;
Yea, the curse of God enduring,
Blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

7. Then, for all that wrought my pardon,
For Thy sorrows deep and sore,
For Thine anguish in the Garden,
I will thank Thee evermore,
Thank Thee for Thy groaning, sighing,
For Thy bleeding and Thy dying,
For that last triumphant cry,
And shall praise Thee, Lord, on high.

Sermon Worksheet - Hebrews 4:14-16

What is the meaning of the phrase “he passed through the heavens”?

What often happens when go looking for new things?

What is the meaning of the Greek word translated “weakness?”

What difficulties are you dealing with now in your life?
Who is the one above all others who understands?

What is the throne of grace?

The word translated “help” in our text is also used in Acts 27:17. How is it translated there?

What do we find when we return to the cross?



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